

# 2005

# State Solid Waste Management Plan

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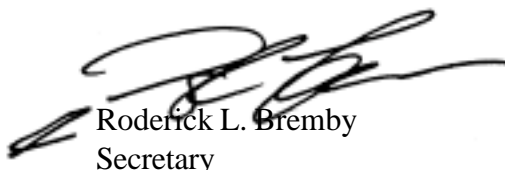
State law (K.S.A. 65-3406) directs the secretary of the Department of Health and Environment to develop a statewide solid waste management plan. The first state plan was prepared and adopted in 1996. In accordance with the provisions of the initial plan, an update was prepared in 2000. The 2000 plan established a new schedule for future updates of the plan (every five years).

In order to have an updated plan ready for adoption in 2005, KDHE initiated a process to receive input from a group of solid waste stakeholders in the fall of 2004. About 40 people representing cities, counties, private companies, and non-profit organizations attended a stakeholder meeting in Salina on October 28, 2004 (the list of stakeholders is provided as Appendix B). These individuals provided valuable input to KDHE at this meeting and in follow-up correspondence as the plan was being drafted. This new plan is largely based upon the needs and priorities identified by stakeholders.

This 2005 solid waste plan provides important background information regarding solid waste management in Kansas; however, it focuses on many goals and actions listed and explained in Chapter 5. Despite excellent progress in solid waste management over the past decade, Kansans need to look forward keeping two overall general goals in mind. First, we must sustain new and improved waste management practices. Second, we must continue to seek even better ways to manage our wastes, especially as related to waste reduction. One major emerging issue that must be addressed is the development of a Kansas program to collect and recycle electronic wastes (“e-waste”).

On behalf of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, I want to thank everyone who helped prepare this updated plan. Dozens of Kansans helped with this plan and hundreds have contributed to improved waste management practices in our state. This planning effort is one example of how good outcomes can be achieved when people with diverse backgrounds cooperate to serve the overall interests of Kansas citizens.

This plan is hereby adopted as a guide for state activity related to solid waste management over the period from 2005 to 2010.



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